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REPORT

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**RAPPORT**

NO 5589/S

Objet: Propositions de vente de 7 bombardiers faite aux Autorités Françaises par le nommé John J. HOLLAND, sujet britannique.

Référ: Matériel de guerre proposé aux Autorités Françaises.

Le 1er Mars 1941, le nommé John J. HOLLAND, représentant de la maison "American Exporters" se présente à M. BENOIST, vice-Consul de France chargé de la Chancellerie et lui proposa de vendre au Gouvernement Général de l'Indochine 7 bombardiers qui se trouveraient à l'heure actuelle à Manille.

C.D.S.

I.P/G.E.

Ci-après quelques renseignements que nous avons pu recueillir sur HOLLAND au cours d'une enquête rapide:

John Joseph HOLLAND, âgé d'environ 33 ans, serait sujet Britannique (Canadien ou Australien). Venant de Hongkong, où il aurait travaillé comme correspondant du journal "Daily Telegraph" (Sydney), il est arrivé à Shanghai à la fin du mois d'Octobre 1938.

En 1939, les Autorités Australiennes le recherchèrent, à la demande de sa femme Boris (?) Emily Mariel HOLLAND qu'il avait abandonnée sans ressources.

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La Police Internationale n'a pu trouver à cette époque les traces de HOLLAND à Shanghai. Elle a établi cependant qu'il était connu dans notre ville et qu'ayant contracté de nombreuses dettes, il avait des raisons pour se cacher. Il n'était pas enregistré au Consulat Général de Grande Bretagne.

Il travaille actuellement à la maison "American Exporters", qui a une réputation douteuse dans les milieux des radicaux locaux. Le directeur de cette maison, le juif américain RUBIN, est fortement soupçonné de se livrer à la contrebande d'armes; il est d'autre part connu pour ses relations avec les Japonais. En outre, la firme comptait parmi ses employés ou plutôt "collaborateurs" des individus tels que WICKELMAN, alias Carl WEND, Allemand, escroc notoire, et JACHIVI, alias ARMY, alias capitaine BERTRAND, Français d'origine algérienne, également bien connu de nos Services comme escroc international.

HOLLAND habite actuellement au No.230 A route de Boissesson, Tél.77443. Cette maison est enregistrée au Service de la Perception de la Municipalité Française sous le nom de Mr.A.W.RAYMOND, employé chez "Edgar & Co", 18 the Bund, Tél. No.13535.

Nous ignorons si vraiment la maison "American Exporters" serait en mesure de disposer d'avions de guerre. Toutefois, il n'est pas impossible que la

démarche de HOLLAND ait été faite dans un but de provocation, surtout si l'on tient compte des relations "spéciales" du directeur de la firme au nom de laquelle il agit, avec les Japonais./.

November 16 39.

Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated November 6th, 1939, I forward herewith for your information a copy of police report regarding the present whereabouts of one John Joseph Holland.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

A. T. Cox, Esq.,  
Passport Office,  
H.B.M. Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

*Sent 16.11.39 (PM)*

*[Handwritten initials]*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date November 16, 1939

Subject John Joseph HOLLAND.

Made by D.P.S. Killingbeck Forwarded by

With reference to the attached enquiry from H.B.M. Consulate-General, concerning John Joseph HOLLAND, enquiries made at all likely places have failed to reveal any trace of the present whereabouts of this person.

Records on file in C.S.6 show that Holland resided at 458 Szechuen Road for a short period, but left that address on February 7, 1938, since which time there is no trace of his movements. Various personalities in newspaper circles remember Holland, but as he does not appear to have been employed by any newspaper office in Shanghai, they are unable to supply any information that would help to locate him.

Holland is alleged to have been heavily in debt in Shanghai at the time he left his lodgings in Szechuen Road and his board and lodging at that address still remain unpaid. He was vouched for by another resident at the same address, a Mr. W.V.D. White, of the China Journal Publishing Company, 117 Hong Kong Road, but as this person has left Shanghai, presumably for Australia, no information is forthcoming from that source.

In view of the abovementioned facts concerning Holland's financial standing and the fact that he has not registered himself at H.B.M. Consulate-General, it would appear that Holland has every intention of keeping his whereabouts from being generally known.

*D. P. S. Killingbeck*  
D. P. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

British Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

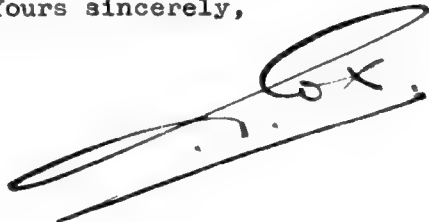
6th November 1939.

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I enclose a copy of a despatch received from  
His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong regarding John  
----- Joseph Holland. We have no trace of this name in our  
Registration Cards or Passports Records.

Can you help us in any way please?

Yours sincerely,



T. Robertson, Esquire,  
Assistant Commissioner,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

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No.55 (2/3678/1939)

Government House,

Hong Kong.

24th October, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for such action  
as you may consider desirable, copies of correspondence,  
without enclosures, regarding a provisional maintenance  
order made at Sydney, New South Wales, against John  
Joseph Holland.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Signed: G. A. S. Northcote.

Governor.

His Britannic Majesty's Consul-General,

SHANGHAI.

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New South Wales.

22nd May, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour, at the instance of Ministers, to transmit herewith in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923, the undermentioned documents with reference to a provisional Maintenance Order made against one John Joseph Holland, on the complaint of his wife Boris Emily Muriel Holland, and to request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps for confirmation of the order and its enforcement under the provisions of Ordinance 9 of 1921, Hong Kong:-

1. Complaint
2. Deposition of the complainant
3. Certified copy of the provisional order.
4. Statement of the grounds upon which confirmation of the order may be opposed.
5. Record of exhibits -
  - (i) Marriage certificate
  - (ii) photograph of the defendant.

It is desired that any money paid in satisfaction of the order be remitted to the Clerk of the Children's Court, Sydney, New South Wales.

Defendant is said to reside at Hong Kong, and to be employed as foreign correspondent at Hong Kong for the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" newspaper and his description is as follows:-

About 5' 7" in height, mid-brown hair (greyish) green eyes, medium build, rather sharp features, very small moustache, between 9 and 9½ stones weight, straight hair, always well groomed and 31 years of age.

I shall be glad to be informed in due course whether the order has been confirmed.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,  
(Signed) Wakehurst.  
Governor.

His Excellency

The Governor of Hongkong.

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Government House,  
Hong Kong, 31st July, 1939.

No. 2/3678/1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter dated 22nd May, 1939, regarding a provisional Maintenance Order made against John Joseph Holland on the complaint of his wife Boris Emily Muriel Holland, and to inform Your Excellency that Mr. Holland appears to have left Hong Kong on 21st October, 1938, for Shanghai, and has not since returned. It has not, therefore, been possible to take steps to confirm the order up to now and I propose with Your Excellency's concurrence to keep the papers enclosed in Your Excellency's letter for a further six months in case Mr. Holland returns to this Colony within that time.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) G. A. S. Northcote.

Governor.

His Excellency  
The Governor,  
Sydney,  
New South Wales,  
Australia.

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New South Wales.

Government House,

Sydney.

24th August, 1939.

Sir,

Referring to my despatch of the 22nd May, 1939, and Your Excellency's reply of the 31st July, 1939, regarding a provisional Maintenance Order made against John Joseph Holland, on the complaint of his wife Boris Emily Holland, I have now the honour, at the instance of Ministers, to inform you that Mrs. Holland states that, although some difficulty might be experienced in locating the defendant, enquiries can be made of Miss Jean Findlay, 30 Mody Road, Kowloon, who can and will supply information as to his whereabouts. Mrs. Holland added that she understands her husband may leave very shortly for England and requests that the provisional order may be confirmed at an early date.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) Wakehurst.

Governor.

His Excellency

The Governor of Hong Kong.

(COPY).

Government House,

Hong Kong, 24th October, 1939.

No. 2/3678/1939.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordship's letter of 24th August, 1939, regarding a provisional maintenance order made against John Joseph Holland on the complaint of his wife Boris Emily Muriel Holland, and in reply to inform Your Lordship that enquiries have been made as requested of Miss Jean Findlay, 30 Mody Road, Kowloon, who states that she has not seen Mr. Holland since the beginning of 1938, and knows nothing of his present whereabouts.

I am forwarding copies of this correspondence to His Majesty's Consul-General, Shanghai, for such action as he may consider desirable.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

Signed: G.A.S. Northcote.

Governor.

The Right Honourable

Lord Wakehurst, K.C.M.G.,

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New South Wales,

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